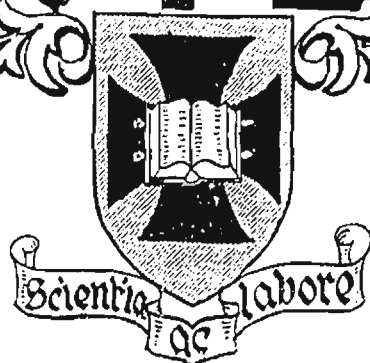


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EDITORIAL ---

UNIVERSITY PUBLICATIONS.

From the very moment this subject occurred to us, we were sorely tempted to write of "Semper Floreat" and its virtues—in short, to advertise the paper through the medium of a leading article. However, after a struggle, editorial pride was stifled and we resolved not to concentrate on our own virtues, reasoning, rightly no doubt, that mere telling does not satisfy a student, who prefers to form his (or her) own opinions.

The first production which came under our notice was "Galmahra," the official publication of the Union. This magazine up to the end of last year was published thrice yearly, but as a result of a change in the constitution, it will now be an annual production, appearing during second term. It is "Galmahra" more than any other publication of our University which controls the opinion held by outsiders of the standard of culture and thought attained by the students. When we consider this it seems surprising that the editor each year complains of the lack of contributions, and the lack of interest shown by the student body as a whole in this, one of our few really good advertisements. Perhaps many have refrained from contributing because they feared a refusal. But why should they be afraid? we ask. They should remember that nobody is an efficient judge of his own literary production, and that whether their contribution is accepted or not they have done their utmost to help the magazine along the road to success and appreciation. This is a far healthier attitude to adopt, and we can only urge students to contribute to what is, after all, their own magazine, and not to hide behind the cowardly statement, "But it mightn't be accepted."

The Song Book, of which a rather destructively critical review has been forwarded to us, certainly has its faults, but these, too, can only be a result of insufficient contribution. The very life-blood of a publication of this nature is variation, and the ideal song book would—with the exception of two or three "old-timers"—contain different songs each year. Another great objection to these Degree Day songs is the fact that jazz tunes predominate. The songs of the

WHAT'S ON.

Thursday, 4th May—

1.20 p.m.

W.E.S. Lecture—Geol. Theatre.
Mr. J. Mahoney, "Oxford."

Friday, 5th May—

1.25 p.m.

S.C.M. Lecture.
Prof. Cumbræ-Stewart,
"Early Christian Church."

Friday, 5th May—

8 p.m.

Debate—Men's Common Room.

Monday, 8th May—

1.25 p.m.

I.R.C. Address—Mods. Room.
M. Luciano, "Modern Italy"

Tuesday, 9th May—

1.20 p.m.

S.C.M. Tutorial,
Rev. N. H. Joughin.

Song Book are not merely "songs of the minute" to the average student, but are likely to be remembered in later life, and could, therefore, with advantage be written to some of the older and more rollicking tunes which will always be on somebody's lips.

Finally, a short note about "Semper Floreat" itself, which, for its success, depends, more than any other University publication, on the personal opinions of the students. It is essentially topical and loses some of its interest when the week of publication is past. Distribution has hitherto been a real problem, for it was difficult to reach all students before the related events of the week had been forgotten in the happenings of the following week. Thus it has been decided to make the subscription 3/- for the rest of the year, the copies to be left with the janitor.

MUSICAL SOCIETY.

The above Society will take its next practice in the Women's Common Room.

STUDENTS SHOOT STAFF.

This heading seems to have some sinister meaning, but as there have been no reports of missing members of the staff, readers can rest assured that it only means there was a shooting match between members of the staff and the members of the Queensland University Rifles.

A very pleasant afternoon was spent at Enoggera, where the "big guns" and the "little guns" boomed for over two hours. Judging by the efforts of the official coaches of the staff and the official coach of the students, the competition was very keen. By mutual agreement it was decided that each side should count the six best of ten rounds at 300 yards, and the five best at 500 yards. At 300 yards the staff scored 212 points, while the students showed their superiority by scoring 220 points. At 500 yards there was a greater difference, the young and practised eye again being successful. The staff scored 99 points and the students 137.

For the staff, Mr. Hines shot excellently, reaching a total of 83 points, thus proving himself the best shot of the day. Dr. Melbourne and Messrs. Perkins and McCarthy also had good totals. Among the students Ferguson did well, getting 79 points. Cutmore also reached this total, while among the others Mann, Curlew, Lewis, Ledley, Stable and Dunn did well.

We hope the staff enjoyed themselves. As for the students, they appreciated the willingness of the staff to compete. We all hope that another "shoot" may be arranged in the near future.

AN INTER-UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE

There is a magazine, common to all the Universities of Australia—"The Australian Interecollegian." The chief feature of the April issue is an article on "Christian Leadership and the Church," which should startle even University students into thought. The smugly self-satisfied and the critical cynic should find plenty to make them bite their nails in gloomy thought. In addition, news of the S.C.M. in Australian Universities, in Italy, and Great Britain; articles on the Day of Prayer (to be held next Sunday, May 7th); book reviews; and a criticism of study circles that don't, make up the 32 pages of this publication. Any S.C.M. member will sell or lend you a copy.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

Attendance at the meeting last Friday night was disappointing. The motion discussed was "That we sympathise with West Australia in her desire to secede from the Commonwealth." In the absence of Mr. Castlehow, Mr. Schindler occupied the chair, and the task of adjudicating was allotted to Mr. B. Mahoney.

Mr. G. Allen, leading the affirmative team, stated that the dissatisfaction with her position as a member of the Commonwealth which West Australia has expressed at a referendum is not of recent growth. There is no great feeling of kinship between her and the eastern States of the Commonwealth; she is, in fact, more remote from them than is New Zealand, with whose position in relation to the Commonwealth her own has many parallels.

The practical effect of the referendum, according to Mr. D. McIntosh, is of no avail whatever, save to show how far the people of West Australia have been "beguiled by wily politicians." If West Australia is not labouring under a fancied sense of grievance, and if her complaints have any true foundation, her remedy may be had from the High Court. Secession means the re-introduction of all those difficulties of interstate trade, currency, etc., which Federation was designed to remove. On questions such as that of White Australia, the nation would no longer be able to speak with a united voice.

Miss Hartshorn adduced as proof that West Australia's wrongs are not all imagined, the fact that a Commission in 1925, recognising the State's fiscal disabilities, recommended either State-control or a Commonwealth grant. West Australia has the smallest representation in the House of Representatives; and the Senate, where she stands on an equal footing with the other States, since it is the outstanding failure of the Constitution, offers her no chance of redress. Like other States, she has been stripped of her revenue-producing departments, retaining only those which rest as liabilities.

The defects of the Constitution cannot be argued in support of West Australia's case, suggested Miss Allsop, since the State entered the Constitution with her

eyes open, and was even allowed to retain her import duties for a period of five years, though interstate freetrade was one of the primary objects of Federation. She received a large grant in 1910, and the Financial Agreement Act of 1928 relieved her of her pre-Federation debts. Secession will replace on her shoulders the responsibility of meeting an interest bill of £487,000 per annum.

The best speech of the evening was that delivered by Mr. Swan, making his debut as a debater within the University, and it was unfortunate that his evidently well-prepared material included some that had been already presented by speakers preceding him. Though the State had progressed, he contended, it has not done so at anything like the same rate as the Eastern States. Secondary products from the eastern States are dumped into Westralia to the detriment of her secondary industries, and the tariff restrictions press most heavily on her primary producers.

Rapid-fire delivery makes argument difficult to follow, and Mr. Gannon is probably as rapid as it is possible to be. He pointed out that West Australia was not forced into the Commonwealth; and, even if the dishonour of repudiating her agreement is not sufficient argument, the probability that other States may, by her example, be "led into sin" is a consideration that should induce her to "stick." She is displaying a self-centred viewpoint. Other States have their grievances; but they are not "squealing."

The chairman had no little difficulty in inducing the members of the sparse audience to contribute their say to the debate. Eventually an appeal to those who "know nothing about West Australia" was necessary to produce a response, though, as Mr. Schindler suggested, it should hardly be necessary to plead for speeches from an audience which assembles mainly to learn how to speak. The night was still quite young when the adjudicator finally gave his verdict in favour of the affirmative team.

W.E.S. LECTURE.

It was perhaps the desire to see the producer of "In the Wake of the Bounty" that was responsible for the filling to overflowing of the Geology Theatre on Thursday last. Mr. Chas. Chauvel was the lecturer, and his subject was "In the Wake of the Bounty." His audience had a most entertaining and interesting half-hour listening to him tell of the ramblings of the mutineers of the "Bounty." Lieutenant William Bligh, he said, was in command of the good ship which left England for the Pacific. Bligh proved himself to be an utter "rotter." His men had an extremely wretched time under the heat of a tropic sun, obeying Bligh's overbearing orders and existing on salted shark. Unable to tolerate these conditions, some of the men mutinied, took control of the "Bounty" and put Bligh and eighteen loyalists overboard in a small boat and left them to the mercy of the wind and the waves. The mutineers put in at Tahiti, where they received the attentions of the natives. Tahiti, said Mr. Chauvel, must have been paradise to those weather-beaten mutineers. It is a paradise at any time. He had spent a few weeks there while his picture was being filmed. Tahiti, with its swaying palms, its warm-scented winds, falling cascades, glass-like lagoons and laughing, loving people, is like some forgotten Eden in the Pacific.

Among the mutineers were Fletcher Christian, Midshipman Young, both of whom were in their early twenties, and Midshipman Peter Heywood, aged sixteen, all of whom were of good families in England. All took "unto themselves" native wives. But Fletcher Christian, still retaining some of his inherent decency, was nauseated as he saw the degeneracy into which some of the mutineers had fallen. He, in company with other mutineers, took two or three native families and a native wife each, and, taking with them pigs and the principal native fruits, set sail and landed on Pitcairn Island, a lonely, rocky piece of land two miles long and one mile wide. Here the little band settled. Unfortunately quarrels broke out and gradually the mutineers killed one another off, leaving only John Adams to take command and become the Patriarch of the island. He was one of the biggest scoundrels among the mutineers, but he had a vision one night and, going down among the ship's stores, he found a Bible. He "turned over a new leaf" and converted the people over whom he ruled. This was indeed a strange ending to the mutiny of the "Bounty," and bears out the fact that "truth is stranger than fiction."

Mr. Chauvel said he spent a few days on Pitcairn Island, where he saw the grave of old John Adams. The island was over-run with goats, but the people never used goat's milk, but the milk that was extracted from the coconut. He met some interesting characters on the island—"Mac," a wife deserter, and another "old bird" who fooled about with bits of machinery with which he was going to effect a radio invention that would astonish the world.

Mr. Chauvel was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his interesting lecture.

NOTICE.

"THE RACE TO DAMASCUS."

The second lecture by Brigadier-General Wilson on the subject of Allenby's operations in Palestine will take place on TUESDAY next, in the Mod's Room, during the lunch-hour.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

(To the Editors.)

Dear Sirs,—As an earnest student of 'Varsity customs and precedents, I should be grateful if you would enlighten me on certain points. I have at length found that the distinctive mark of the "swot that was" is a certain ribbon on the left or right shoulder of a gown, but I have yet to discover at what angle, and over which eye the tassel appended to the mortar-board should be worn. My inquiries have met with varied replies, and I have been informed that it should be worn over the left eye, if an undergrad over the right if a grad; and vice versa—both from authoritative sources. I should deem it a great pleasure if any of your readers would supply me with an accredited statement.—I am, yours faithfully,

ANTIQUÉ.

Dear Sirs,—With regard to a letter in last issue by "Deaf and Dumb," I should like to point out that it is the Arts students themselves who are to blame for some of this "noise." I would like to ask, what the above person would do were he or she in the engineer's position? Let me enumerate some of their trials.

(1) An artist in the course of his meditations lights on a picket sticking in the ground. Wishing, no doubt, to learn, he pulls it out and brings it along to ask what it is. This is very trying, especially if one has just sighted his instrument on it.

(2) Another artist meets a lady friend. He and this lady friend manoeuvre round till they get into the line of sight. To an engineer the smell of an artist's back is very prosaic, and the engineer, poor soul, is not a philosopher.

(3) Driven, no doubt, by this same craving for learning, another artist (it is beneath the dignity of the Law) will come to examine the instrument. This would not be so bad, but the average height of the average artist is below the average. Therefore, he needs must climb up the leg of the instrument to look through the telescope. Strangely enough this upsets all the adjustments of the instrument.

(4) Here I fear the ladies (bless them!)

are at fault. They never can see a chain lying on the ground. They are infinitely surprised at the extremely low tensile strength of steel.

Space will not permit me to give more details. However, I should like to point out that the engineers, when at school, found it convenient whenever possible to cut his Latin, French and English periods, so that his knowledge in these departments is sorely at fault. He either has to confine himself to his native tongue (i.e., the Australian slang) or else use bad French (and this, I admit, is sometimes very bad). So I would like our friend to live up to his name and try to bear with people who are gravely troubled in this wicked world.—Yours, etc.,

"JOB."

Dear Sirs,—Commem is over. A trite remark, but nevertheless fraught with meaning. We will go no more to the Commem practices for another year; yet I should like to put forward a tentative suggestion. Knowing the conservative attitude of the students, I can only expect to air my views, scarcely hoping that they may be considered. It is stressed in the Handbook, in "Semper," on notice board, and at public meeting, that we should endeavour to live the social side to the full as well as the academic and religious. To evening students there is very little social side—there are the debates on Friday, and the musical meetings, but many have lectures at those times and thus are unable to attend. There are the subscription dances which occur so frequently, but I should like to point out a few things with reference to them. Firstly, the cost; if we attend regularly it is an expensive item, for the 3/3's soon mount up, as any regular attendant knows. I for one am sorry that the innovation tried by the S.C.M. last year of a 2/6 sub, is not continued. Many can raise 2/6 where the extra 9d. is just the last straw. Also, when evening students attend these dances, they find that they know very few of the people present, and the man does not dare to solicit a dance of the fair damsel who attracts his attention, for fear that she may be one of a party of outsiders; the 'Varsity girl, on the other hand, hangs about the vestibule listlessly, with almost empty programme, wishing she had not been such a fool as to waste a good 3/3. The day students have many opportunities of knowing each other by sight at least; the evening student feels always a stranger in the place that should be his Alma Mater, for he has the opportunity only of coming to his lectures and then walking up town again. There is no inducement for such student to loiter; such students as often as not go home to dinner at 8 or 9 p.m., after a hard day and night of work. Yet evening students have as much right to belong to the 'Varsity as the day students. Many, perhaps, have more right, for they earn for themselves their education, and do not have it given to them with a liberal allowance by fond parents. For these reasons, therefore, I put forward this suggestion: That we continue our Commem practices, say, once a fortnight, till the end of second term. Let us begin with songs—not necessarily our Commem songs, though here we would find ample time to prepare for the next Commem—but the Musical Society suggests to us sea canties; or there is Gilbert and Sullivan; or even "Daisy, Daisy." Such gatherings, by their very informality, spread the spirit of camaraderie through the 'Varsity. It is a great pity that just because

Commem is over we should no longer be "all good friends and jolly good company." And the cost of electric light? We know how many are the notices regarding cutting down costs, so let us pay as we enter—1d. each a night. No one could object to that—but let us have our penny dances, wherein we of the night may still taste of the joy of the lighter side of University life.—Yours, etc.,

EVE N.

Dear Sirs,—A friend read me a nasty article by a bloke called "Deff and Dum" and he sez i aint got no manners or breeding. Then he starts chuking orf at mi morals, calls mi conversashun insane—the lying caw i never tolled a tart a low joke in mi lif, tho i can symperathize with his jelersey at the owners of the motor cars wot he was winjing about, lousy capiteralists the lot of them i say.

Nex he chucks orf at the engineers coss they does survey outside the library and gets shocked if they shout out while hes reding Chaucer, il bet if they sor the bits of Chaucer he was reding its they wot wood be shocked—and enyway i wasnt playing poker, it was pitch haf-penny.

Wel mr editors he sez i aint got no manners or breeding but youse can tell him from me that if he dares say so to mi face il jolly wel nock his bleeding hed orf, the cantankerous old x*!x*!!—yrs respektfuly

DIZGUSTED.

I.R.C.

We are very pleased to announce that our society has received the following books from the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and they may, at any time, be obtained from our Library, of which Miss Allsop is the Librarian:—

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FOOTBALL.

"A" GRADE.

The "A" team had further success on Saturday and Monday last. On Saturday we played G.P.S. with a forward pack sadly weakened by accident and absence. The backs, however, by play that was nothing short of wonderful, gained the day for us, the final scores reading 11—6. During the first half G.P.S. had territorial advantage most of the time and on several occasions went perilously close to scoring. 'Varsity, however, were the first to open their account when Edwards succeeded with a penalty kick from almost half-way. G.P.S. soon equalised when Heaslop kicked a penalty, but there was no further score until after half time. From the very kick-off 'Varsity backs got moving. During the first half they had not been combining perfectly; now they began to regain their skill of the previous Saturday. The ball was coming from the scrums more frequently and the backs were thus enabled to show their skill. Phil Clark and Vincent penetrated again and again, but no score resulted until finally from a ruck the ball was sent to Minnis, who crossed in the corner. The kick failed, but 'Varsity now led, 6—3. G.P.S. rallied strongly and finally, as a result of a misunderstanding between two 'Varsity players, a ball was gathered by the G.P.S. winger, who scored in the corner. This kick also failed and the score board read 6 all. 'Varsity then began to attack strongly and during the last fifteen minutes produced some of

the finest back line play seen this year. Finally success came their way as a result of Vincent's reversing to Clark, who then gave to Hayes, who scored. The kick succeeded and 'Varsity led 11—6. G.P.S. had a fine chance of equalising when they had four men lined out and only Edwards to pass. He, however, took his man and the opportunity was lost.

The chief faults were to be found among the forwards. The line-out work, although improving, is still not up to standard, while the rucks are not packed tight enough, although the ball is coming out much more frequently. The main trouble, however, seems to be in the scrums, where the ball is being trapped in the second row and comes out too late to be of use even when it is won. The forwards, however, cannot be criticised too harshly, for there were four "B" graders in the pack on Saturday, while those "A" graders who were left were playing out of position.

On Monday the "A" team defeated Valleys by 40-8. Tries for 'Varsity were scored by Vincent (2), Minnis (2) Hayes, Stumm, Atkinson, Chester and Pearce. Phil Clark converted five tries and Edwards kicked a penalty.

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"B" GRADE.

The match against Brothers on Monday was a very important one for the "B" team, since defeat would have lost them their chance of repeating last year's performance, and winning the F. C. Lea Cup. As a result of the vacancies in the "A" team being filled by "B" graders, the "B" team on Monday contained six "C" grade players, who performed most ably. This can better be realised when we learn that the greater part of the pack were "C" graders, and that, on the day, they were definitely superior to the strong Brothers' forwards. The hero of the match was Evans, who created a record which will be hard to beat, since he scored 16 points of the 19 scored by his side. His "score" comprised one try, three penalty goals and two goals, while the remaining three points resulted from a try by Silcock. Brothers scored two tries and converted one, making the total score 19—8 in favour of 'Varsity.

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S.C.M. DAY OF PRAYER.

Next Sunday, 7th May, will be observed throughout the Southern Hemisphere as the Annual Day of Prayer for students. In Brisbane the S.C.M. is seeking the co-operation of the various churches, and for students themselves a special programme has been arranged. All who are interested are invited to participate.

The programme is as follows:—

4.15 p.m.: An afternoon service, at Y.W.C.A., Adelaide Street. At this service one may learn much about the activities of the S.C.M., both here and elsewhere.

6.0 p.m.: Tea, supplied by Y.W.C.A., at a nominal charge.

7.30 p.m.: Special students' service, held at the City Tabernacle. Two students will assist at this service, and Rev. W. E. Hurst will preach. Please note that it is desired that academic dress be worn at this service.

Further particulars may be had from the notice board or from members of the S.C.M. committee.

HOCKEY.

"A" GRADE.

As anticipated, the match between 'Varsity and Valley produced hockey of exceptionally high standard. 'Varsity defeating Valley by a substantial margin, 5—3. This is the first occasion in the last 12 years that 'Varsity has succeeded in defeating this skillful combination. The game started at a very hard pace, which was continued until the finish of play. Valley opened the score with a rebound shot, but this was quickly equalised by a solo run by Fraser. Good co-operation between backs and forwards, and remarkably clean hitting kept the play well within the Valley half. Accurate passing and shooting by 'Varsity forwards contributed largely to their success. One feature of the game was the brilliant display at full back by J. J. Mahoney, who repeatedly broke up the Valley attack. The score at half time was 2—1 in favour of 'Varsity, the goals being scored by Fraser and W. B. Mahoney. After half time 'Varsity took the score to 4—1 in their favour, Goldsmith and Fraser both scoring, but Valley rallied and by strenuous effort scored twice. Shortly before full time Martin placed the issue beyond doubt by scoring for 'Varsity, the final scores being Varsity 5, Valley 3.

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"B" GRADE.

Lack of co-operation and practice were responsible for the defeat which 'Varsity suffered at the hands of Coorparoo. The half time score was 5—0 in favour of Coorparoo and it was considered advisable to move the more experienced players from the wing to the inner positions. This strengthened the 'Varsity defence, but the backs were unable to give the forwards possession of the ball. The full time score was 8—0 in favour of Coorparoo.

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